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SUBJECT: WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS: MICHAEL AND CORDELIA
MCMINN--TRIMARAN "DRUM"

1. U.S. CITIZENS MICHAEL AND CORDELIA MCMINN AND THEIR
BOAT TRIMARAN "DRUM" HAVE BEEN MISSING SINCE MAY 12 WHEN
THEY DEPARTED HAWAII FOR PORT ANGELES, WASHINGTON.

2. IN AUGUST REPORTS WERE RECEIVED OF FOUR POSSIBLE
SIGHTINGS OF THE "DRUM" IN JUNE AND JULY. ONE POSSIBLE
SIGHTING WAS IN U.S. WATERS, NEAR HARO STRAIT, AND THREE
IN CANADIAN WATERS--TWO NEAR HARO STRAIT, AND ONE IN ALERT
BAY.

3. ON THE BASIS OF A REQUEST BY CONGRESSMAN JOHN M. MURPHY
OF NEW YORK TO ATTORNEY GENERAL LEVI AND DUE TO POSSIBILITY
THAT THE "DRUM" HAS BEEN HIJACKED AND COULD BE BEING USED
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FOR NARCOTICS TRAFFICING, THE FBI HAS OPENED AN INVESTIGA-

TION. THE U.S. COAST GUARD HAS CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH IN U.S. WATERS FOR THE "DRUM"--WITHOUT RESULT, AND IS CONTINUING ITS EFFORTS. THE U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND THE CUSTOMS SERVICE HAVE BEEN ADVISED.

4. CONGRESSMAN MURPHY HAS WRITTEN TWO LETTERS TO AMBASSADOR WARREN REQUESTING CANADIAN ASSISTANCE. THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE HAS BROUGHT THE RCMP INTO THE CASE AND HAS REPORTED ON IT TO EXTAFF OTTAWA.

5. THE FATHER OF CORDELIA MCMINN (MRS. MICHAEL MCMINN), MARK T. SHEEHAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, HAS WRITTEN DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER ASKING THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE FORMAL OR INFORMAL REPRESENTATION TO THE GOC IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN MURPHY'S REQUEST FOR AN INTENSIVE CANADIAN AIR AND SEA SEARCH. THE DEPT. HAS MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE AND HAS PROVIDED IT ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

6. THE PARENTS OF MICHAEL MCMINN, MR. AND MRS. MALCOLM MCMINN PLAN ON PROCEEDING TO VICTORIA, B.C. THIS WEEK TO CONDUCT THEIR OWN SEARCH OF PORTS IN THE AREA. THEY MAY CHARTER A SMALL PLANE FOR AN AIR SEARCH. AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE THE MCMINNS WILL CONTACT SGT. ERNIE MILLER OF THE RCMP "E" DIVISION, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH, 1061 FORT STREET, VICTORIA, B.C. (TEL.: 604-388-3913). SINCE THEY ARE NOT PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS AND BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A HIJACKING, THE MCMINNS WILL NEED EVERY ASSISTANCE THAT THEY CAN OBTAIN FROM THE RCMP.

7. ACTION REQUESTED EMBASSY OTTAWA: BECAUSE TIME IS RUNNING OUT--REPORTEDLY WEATHER CONDITIONS WILL MAKE AN EFFECTIVE SEARCH IMPOSSIBLE IN A FEW WEEKS, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH GOC AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL REQUESTING ALL FEASIBLE GOC ASSISTANCE IN THE SEARCH FOR THE "DRUM".

8. ACTION REQUESTED CONGEN VANCOUVER: DEPT. HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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SUGGESTED THAT THE MALCOLM MCMINNS CONTACT CONSULATE GENERAL ON ARRIVAL VANCOUVER. REQUEST CONGEN PROVIDE ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES WITH REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE MCMINNS.

9. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF ACTION TAKEN SO THAT WE MAY ADVISE CONGRESSMAN MURPHY AND FATHER OF CORDELIA MCMINNS. ROBINSON

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